index drive means for periodically advancing said chain conveyor loops incrementally from said rear wall;

said chain conveyor loops drivingly engaging segments of said permanent filter media belt by frictional contact to advance said segments with said chain conveyor segments during indexing thereof causing said permanent filter media belt to move along said endless recirculation path.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain in the application.

The specification is proposed to be amended to make certain minor corrections of errors noted by applicant's attorney and to correct the error noted by the Examiner.

A missing reference character is also proposed to be added to Figure 1, as set out in the accompanying letter.

In addition, claim 1 (Twice Amended) is proposed to be further amended to correct the indefinitenesses noted by the Examiner to obviate the rejection under 35 USC 112.

It is respectfully urged that these amendments are proper under Rule 116, and entry should be approved.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-11 over the prior art is also respectfully requested on the grounds detailed in the Brief filed herewith, inasmuch as it is urged that these references do not collectively suggest the combination proposed by the Examiner.

Favorable reconsideration is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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